

ports, improving their facilities and defending their rate structures. To finance the new agency, the General Assembly granted \$15 million in an initial bond issue and turned over to the Authority one-half of one per cent of the State's corporate income tax. The Authority was also granted freedom from submitting its annual budget to the Legislature and was allowed the right to retain surplus funds from year to year. For a public agency in Maryland, this was a precedent breaking move. But it followed in the tradition of other public agencies that were administering other port areas. And it recognized the need for freedom of action in a highly competitive field. Over the years, the Authority has been singularly free from political pressure or influence.

I do not contend, however, that the creation of this Authority comprised an automatic solution to the ills of the port or the industry. It was a good start, though, and the Authority, working with the private businessmen of the port, has been able to make great progress in the revitalization of the port and its facilities. The problems facing you gentlemen, however, are necessarily broader in scope, taking in, as they do, the entire range of maritime activities in this port and in all of the ports of the nation. The point I want to stress is that we must work together to find the answers to our problems and this work must be accomplished in an atmosphere of cooperation and mutual interest.

I wish you well in your meetings, then, and I extend the warm welcome of all Marylanders. We are delighted that you have chosen our State as the site of your convention, and we trust that your efforts and deliberations here will lead to a more healthy and flourishing merchant marine.

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## ADDRESS, VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

### SALISBURY

November 10, 1963

I am pleased and honored to have this opportunity to join with my friends of Salisbury and Wicomico County today to pay our respects and our tribute to the brave men who fought in the great wars of our nation to safeguard our American freedoms and our American way of life.

I am told that in North Assam, a state in the Northern part of India, there is an allied cemetery in which lie the bodies of four